state-of-the-art fuel efficient passenger cars. This involves a foreign equity participation of *30%* (Rs. 78 crores) on the part of M/s. General Motors Corporation, USA.

Adverse effect of economic liberalisation on small scale industries

654. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 9th November, 1992 to the effect that the liberalised economic policies are having a "crippling effect" on the medium and small scale sector units as large scale imports of low value products are pushing smaller units slowly out of market;

(b) whether the All India Manufacturers' Organisation in its study "Dual effect of liberalisation policies and its impact on the medium and small sector" has accused Government of succumbing before the pressure of global lending agencies like the World Bank; and

(c) if so, what are demands of All India Manufacturers' Organisation in this regard and in what manner Government propose to help the smaller units to save them from "unfair world competition" and by "India becoming a dumping ground for goods from the advanced countries" as alleged in the study report of All India Manufacturers' organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The facts are being ascertained from All India Manufacturers' Organisation.

Poor Collection from Disinvestment of PSU Shares

655. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a poor collection from the disinvestment of the shares of Public Undertakings during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the situation for further disinvestment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reconsideration of disinvestment plan for PSU equities

656. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reconsider their current disinvestment plans for allowing the public sector undertakings to expand their respective equity base through direct public offers; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTER PRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The cases of individual enterprise going for expanding their equity base is decided on selective basis and on merits. This does not affect Government's plans for disinvestment of Public Sector shares.

लघु उद्योगों के लिए नई प्रौद्योगिकी

657. श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार लघु उद्योगों हेतु नई प्रौद्योगिकी के आधुनिकीकरण और विकास पर कोई विशेष जोर दे रहे हैं;